EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order adopts the model rules concerning the conduct of appeals set out in Chapter I of the Schedule to the Deregulation (Model Appeal Provisions) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1678) for the purposes of section 20(4) of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 (c. 6) ("the Act") subject to the modifications specified in the Schedule to the Order.

By virtue of sections 19 and 20 of the Act no person may produce, use or have in his possession for a permitted purpose a Schedule 1 toxic chemical or precursor as defined in section 19(2) of the Act except under the authority of and in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by the Secretary of State. The Order sets out the rules which must be followed if a person wishes to appeal against a refusal by the Secretary of State to grant, renew or vary a licence or against a variation or revocation by him of a licence.